--- 50 Cigarettes - “Series of 1897” - 132 x 16 mm. strip - scanned at 100% scale ---

The **Budget of 1897** increased the excise duty to $ 3.00 per thousand for ***foreign leaf*** cigarettes weighing *less than* three pounds per thousand, and to $ 8.00 per thousand for cigarettes weighing *over* three pounds per thousand.

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of **RC-146 -** the *perforated* fifty cigarette strip - **WANTED!**

★**RC-147** - 50 cigarettes, coarse roulette 8, rollered **13 - I** in blue ink by the Excise Office in Vancouver, B.C.

--- two examples from the die proof collection ---

★**RC-147 DP** - 50 cigarettes, the black die proof [CANADA - F-25] on heavy wove paper

★**RC-147 DP** - 50 cigarettes, the black die proof [CANADA - F-25] on heavy wove paper, pasted on light cardboard - the central portion of the 9” x 4⅜” large die proof

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